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REPORT OF SANDY ISLAND MEN'S CAMP

SEASON 1931

OBJECTIVES

We think of camp as "an adventure in living together". This means, in all our considerations relating to the direction and control of camp life and the planning of our camp program, that each individual camper and staff member has his privileges to enjoy and his responsibilities to share.

In making this "adventure" we recognize two foundations. One, that we are the beneficiaries of the energy and efforts of many who have gone before and who have made possible the resources, of which we now avail ourselves. In recognizing this cornerstone we recognize the responsibility of adding our contributions while in camp and afterwards, which strengthen the spirit of loyalty to Sandy Island. The other, that the spirit of Sandy has at its heart the best in Christian tradition which is the genius of the Young Men's Christian Association. We recognize that any satisfying experience of life rests on character.

In living together we recognize three principles. That the interests of young men should become the basis of our program. That those interests are best served in an atmosphere of freedom. That the resources of camp be used efficiently in securing for all an "abundant life".

PROGRAM

Most of our campers came into and went out of camp on the week-end. This fact makes it impossible to build a program which is accumulative, and it seemed both necessary and wise to build our program accordingly. Therefore our program can best be appreciated as seen in a weekly unit. It is interesting however, to see how the spirit of camp moulded by public opinion carries over from week to week, new campers being introduced into camp life by old timers and the best carried on by the new.

SUNDAY

We tried to recognize the values of Sunday as a day of rest and worship. Our camp boat brought those desiring to attend church services in town to the Weirs. The morning services in camp were open to all and attended very well. They were held in the chapel on the west shore of the lake, or in the lodge. Campers participated by playing the organ and special vocal selections. The services were directed by the Camp Director. The speakers included W.M.Ross of Technology Christian Association, J.B.Watson of the Boston Y.M.C.A., F. Campbell, Secretary of the Yale University Y.M.C.A., and S. E. Greene, a student at Dartmouth College, as well as the Camp Director.

During the day all of the camp equipment was put at the disposal of the campers. In the evenings at sunset a song service was enjoyed on several occasions when weather permitted. Then came the Town Meeting.

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meetings the traditions of camp and the understandings by which campers regulated their conduct in camp were outlined and adopted as a basis of living for another week. After agreements are made each week, we abide by them or else outlaw ourselves from the fellowship of camp. Campers are made acquainted with the general routine of camp. Then the various interests of campers are suggested and the program for the week detailed with appropriate committees appointed to carry out the work during the week, generally including Athletics (track, tennis, aquatics, and baseball) Indoor tournaments, (chess, checkers, bridge, ping pong), Outdoor tournaments, (handball, volleyball, quoits, clock golf), Improvement Association, Entertainment, Welcome, and the News. Other than this meeting when everyone has the right to express his opinion, there is no organization of camp.

MONDAYS

This day was given over largely to organization of different committees, planning their activities. A demonstration in putting a canoe in the water, and handling it in the water was usually given in the morning. A baseball game between picked groups was held in the morning. During the day, various tournaments in tennis, handball, quoits, etc. were started out of doors. In the evening a volley ball game was played between picked groups. Later the various indoor tournaments were begun.

TUESDAYS

During the day, trips to mountains near the lake were taken. These included Mts. Shaw, Belknap, Red Hill, and Major, with twenty to thirty-five campers making the trips. Usually a graoup of twenty to thirty campers made a trip to the Weirs for an evening of dancing and entertainment. Every week a current events discussion was held. In addition to a review of current events there was usually a special topic for discussion such as, International Debts Settlement, U.S.Relations with the Orient, Russia and the Five Year Plan, Disarmament, Present Economic Situation, and China and her Problems.

WEDNESDAYS

Immediately after breakfast we held a meeting of the Sandy Island Improvement Association. For an hour the whole camp would participate in various jobs to improve the appearance of the camp. Perhaps the most striking job done this summer was the cleaning up of our woods and trimming the trees which was begun last year.

The weekly aquatic meet usually was held in the morning. In the afternoon we usually played baseball games with camps, away from home.

THURSDAYS

Visitors Days were encouraged and a few people usually came over to the island on Thursday. The track meet was usually held in the morning. In the afternoons we enjoyed baseball games with other camps at home. The regular weekly entertainment was enjoyed by everyone in the evening.

FRIDAYS

Trips to the W hite Mountains were scheduled on this day. During the season seven to twenty-eight men each time enjoyed trips, including Mts.

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Washington, Chocorua, Moosilauke, and Lafayette. In addition occasional mountain trips were arranged by campers who had their own automobiles. These trips under Mr. Hill were a popular feature.

Several canoe trips were also arranged under the advice of and co-operation with the camp.

In the evening movies were shown and the awards in athletic competition during the week were made.

SATURDAY

With the large turn-over each week our living arrangements came in for attention at this time. New campers had opportunity to get located in camp and to look around, getting acquainted with the facilities of camp.

MISCELLANEOUS

Other features of camp not included in the outline of the weeks activities given above included occasional walks around the island under the leadership of Mr. Hill for nature study purposes. Visits of the speed boat and airplanes were arranged to take out parties. Trips to Libby Museum, and around the lake were taken. Two moonlight sails were enjoyed.

Perhaps the outstanding fact about our program this year has been the strengthening of indoor activity. The shuffleboard, presented by campers at the New York reunion was a valuable addition to our indoor equipment. The current events discussions under the leadership of Mr. Su Lee Chang were exceptionally stimulating and were participated in by many.

The whole athletic program under the supervision of Mr. Beal found a large place in the interests of fellows in camp. Competition and interest in different sports was not so keen during the year, due to smaller numbers. Forty one campers were awarded their Sandy "S" . Sixteen baseball games were played with other camps, with only three loses.

The swimming program was directed by Mr. Kittredge. A special hour was devoted in the morning for those who wanted to learn more about swimming and life saving. Another hour in the afternoon was devoted to those who knew very little about swimming or did not swim at all. The assistance of Mr. Larsson was a valuable aid at this time.

CAMPERS

During the season four hundred and thirty-nine campers were in camp. This is a loss of nearly one hundred as compared with last year and over sixteen hundred camper days. The present economic situation seems to be the primary cause, for many letters of regret have been received from old campers. The same old spirit and loyalty has been maintained, with no one complaining. An analysis of statistics on campers has been filed.

EQUIPMENT

The equipment of camp has been maintained efficiently during the season by a loyal staff. The major improvement has been the resurfacing of our four tennis courts with clay, which has given us four fine courts. All the equipment of camp is in good condition except a few of our large tents.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Other features of camp not included in the outline of the week activities given above included concerts which followed the lighting under the leadership of Mr. Hill for nature study campers. Visits of the speed boat and airplane were arranged to take out parties. Trips to Bishop Bragdon, and around the lake were taken. Two mountain hikes were enjoyed.

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CONCLUSION

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OPERATION

We enjoyed a fine camp spirit throughout the season on the part of campers and staff. In the last analysis this is made possible by the spirit and cooperation which the staff shows and in which they serve. The commissary department under Mr. Pompey provided us with excellent meals. The dining room staff under Mr. Brown gave efficient service. Living arrangements at camp were made as comfortable as possible, Mr. Hill giving this his attention. The health of camp was supervised by Mr. Beal. First Aid hours were held regularly. The mechanical equipment of camp was kept in good condition by Mr. Pease. The outdoor gang handled the up-keep of camp well. Mr. Dulac, our genial skipper, has kept our motor boats running and in good condition. Mr. Taylor has taken care of camp business and the management of the store. The office details, such as the registration of campers, have been handled by Mr. Larsson. It was good for us all to have Mrs. Hill and Patty Hill acting as our hostesses. The staff numbered in all nineteen.

SUMMARY

The quotation below is taken from a letter written by a camper to a friend. It sums up what we hope through our efforts in camp to achieve for our camper friends, and ourselves.

> "As usual I started homeward with a heavy heart for I enjoy Sandy better each year it seems. The ties of friendship grow stronger; the beauty of the lake and the mountains get a greater grip on you; and one's awareness of the great Creator and all that is fine and inspiring in this old world of ours is quickened. These are only a few of the things that Sandy does for you--it is indeed a re-creation."

We conclude with the feeling that our thirty-third season was both an enjoyable and fruitful experience.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUMMARY

The quotation below is taken from a letter written to a camper to a friend. It sums up what we hope through our efforts in camp to achieve for our camper friends, and ourselves.

> "As usual I returned homeward with a heavy heart for I enjoy Sandy better each year it seems. The lake of friendship grows stronger; the beauty of the lake and the mountains get a firmer grip on you; and only memories of the great Creator and all that is fine and inspiring in life will serve or cure homesickness. These are only a few of the things that Sandy has got for you--it is indeed a re-creation."

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